

Financial Assistance for Assisted Living at St. Augustine Towers

Assisted Living promotes aging in place by supporting a person's desire for independence, choice and privacy. The services provided help to preserve and maintain the independence of the individual as well as maintain ties to their families, friends and communities.

Veterans Aid and Attendance Benefit

The Veterans' Administration offers a Special Pension with Aid and Attendance (A&A) benefit that is largely unknown. Aid and Attendance can help pay for care in the home, nursing home or **assisted living facility**.

This Special Pension allows for eligible Veterans and surviving spouses who need:

- assisted living care
- regular assistance in eating, bathing, toileting, grooming
- assistance due to blindness or physical or mental incapacity
- to receive additional monetary benefits.

A Veteran may be eligible for up to \$1,554 per month, while a surviving spouse is eligible for up to \$998 per month. A couple may be eligible for up to \$1,842 per month*. Increase each year for cost of living.

Qualifications include:

- Veterans must have served 1 day during an active war and had no less than a 90 day service.
- Surviving spouses must have been married to the veteran when they passed to receive the benefit.
- You must have a doctors order certifying you need daily assistance.
- You must have received an honorable discharge or general discharge.
- You can choose where you want to live as long as it is a licensed facility

Please call us or the VA direct @ 800-827-1000.

The Assisted Living Waiver Program

This program is a statewide, government -funded program that allows eligible individuals to reside in and receive services from a licensed Assisted Living facility. A case manager works with the consumer and the facility to develop and maintain a care plan that fits the individual and meets each of their needs.

Assisted living services include personal care, house-keeping, laundry, assistance with medication management, meals, non-medical transportation, social and recreational programming and 24-hour on-site staff availability to assist with unplanned needs.

To participate in the Assisted Living Waiver program, you must be one of the following:

- A current nursing facility resident
- A resident of an Ohio licensed residential care facility for at least six months; or
- A consumer enrolled in PASSPORT/CHOICES or the Ohio Home Care waiver.

You also must meet all eligibility requirements including:

- You are age 21 or older;
- You are Medicaid eligible;
- The St. Augustine Towers Residency Criteria;
- You require hands-on assistance with at least two of the following: mobility, bathing, using the bathroom, dressing, grooming, eating and taking medicines; and
- You have care needs that can be safely met in a residential care facility setting

For additional information on the Assisted Living Waiver Program, contact:

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